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1. EMBASSY'S REPORT ON LAUNCHING CEREMONY AND PURPOSES OF NIGERIAN TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT IN REFAIR.

ACCORDING TO FMG OFFICIALS MONIES RAISED WILL BE SPENT FOR RELIEF,
MEDICAL NEEDS, EDUCATION AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES
TO ASSIST BLACK PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

MONEY IS NOT TO BE USED FOR "GUN-RUNNING." THE FUND IS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEADED BY GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK AND INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, PERMANENT SECRETARIES OF MINISTRIES EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND FINANCE. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE MONEY IS TO BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE OAU OR OTHER ORGANIZATION OR GIVEN DIRECTLY TO INTENDED RECIPIENTS. UNLESS AND UNTIL WE RECEIVE FURTHER CONTRARY INFORMATION WE ARE TAKING FMG AT ITS WORD.

2. ALL OIL COMPANIES AND MOST OTHER LARGE AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE BEEN SOLICITED FOR MONEY BUT AS YET NONE HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTION. GULF OIL NIGERIA HAS BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO MAKE DONATION IF NECESSARY. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE IN NIGERIA. SOME REPRESENTATIVES BELIEVE THAT PRESSURES FROM FMG WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVENTUALLY FORCE THEM TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS, WHILE OTHERS INTEND TO IGNORE THE APPEAL.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT ADVISED LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN FIRMS EITHER TO GIVE OR NOT GIVE TO FUND. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED GENERAL MANAGER MOBIL OIL TWO WEEKS AGO, PROVIDING HIM WITH INFORMATION PARA ONE ABOVE. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT

FOLLOW SIMILAR LINE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES. EASUM

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